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ALEPPO NOBLES ACTIVE IN IMPERIAL COUNCIL

AT THE 73rd Annual Session of the Imperial Council held in the Civic Auditorium at Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 27, 28 and 29, Aleppo Temple was again highly honored by the election of Past Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., to the office of Imperial Oriental Guide. This places Illustrious Noble Wilson in sixth place from the top of the official Imperial Council line to which he was elected as Imperial Outer Guard in 1943 at the annual session at Chicago. The officers and members of Aleppo Temple look forward to the time when they will have the honor of having an Imperial Potentate in their membership.

In recognition of the Judge's election in the Imperial Line the Boston *Post* printed the following editorial in its paper Thursday, May 29, 1947:

"Boston's Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., was advanced another step toward the Imperial Potentateship of the Shrine of North America when he was unanimously chosen Imperial Oriental Guide at the Shrine's annual election at Atlantic City. Judge Wilson for years has been the highest ranking Bostonian in the order, and the confidence it has shown in him is a tribute not alone to his sterling ability but helps to win recognition for his home city throughout North America."

A second honor came to Aleppo through the appointment of Past Potentate Willard P. Lombard as Chairman of the hard working and important Imperial Council Committee of Jurisprudence and Laws. Illustrious Noble Lombard's appointment to the Chairmanship of this committee was announced by Illustrious Noble Hammers on his election to the office of Imperial Potentate.

Our Temple is highly honored and the Imperial Council has in its official family two Nobles who can give much to the Order through their services in their respective offices.



PAST POTENTATE LOMBARD APPOINTED TO IMPORTANT NATIONAL SHRINE COMMITTEE

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE, WILLARD P. LOMBARD, of Boston, has been appointed Chairman of the Jurisprudence

and Laws Committee of the Shrine of North America, it was announced by Illustrious Noble Karl Rex Hammers, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Imperial Potentate of the Shrine, following the recent National Shrine Convention at Atlantic City. This is the most important committee appointment made at any time in the Imperial Council and requires the constant rendering of opinions on many legal problems of our organization.

In making the announcement, Imperial Potentate Hammers, who is an outstanding executive of the H. J. Heinz Co. of 57 varieties fame, said:

"With our membership rapidly increasing and with \$44,000,000 invested in our 15 Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children in North America, it is essential that we select men of Noble Lombard's caliber to represent as a committeeman the more than 500,000 Shriners in our 159 Temples on this continent."

Mr. Lombard has long been active in Masonic and Shrine work and is a Past Potentate of Aleppo Temple in Boston.



SHRINE BASEBALL DAY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, AND SHRINE LADIES' DAY

THE members of Aleppo Temple and their families will again this year have the opportunity to participate in the annual Shrine Baseball Day at Fenway Park, according to an announcement by Illustrious Potentate Justin A. Duncan.

Arrangements have been made for this year's event to be held Tuesday, September 9, between two of the outstanding teams of the American League, the Boston Red Sox, the 1946 champions, and the Detroit Tigers, who at the present time are battling for second place and both reaching to pull the Yankees off the top perch.

Two complete sections of the grand stand in Fenway Park, behind the Red Sox dugout, have been reserved for Shriners and their ladies this year and Illustrious Potentate Duncan announces that special arrangements have been made whereby the regular \$1.80 reserved seat ticket may be purchased by members of Aleppo Temple for only \$1.00 each. Shriners may be accompanied by ladies upon purchase of a \$0.60 tax ticket only and Shriners may have as many lady guests as they wish.

Members wishing additional reserved seat tickets for friends may purchase the same at Shrine Headquarters for the regular price of \$1.80.

All special Shrine reduced rate tickets are for Shriners only and are being sold on agreement — one to a member only.

All special Shrine reserved section tickets as well as Shrine ladies' tax tickets must be purchased at Shrine Headquarters on or before 4:00 p.m., Monday, September 8. (See page 2 for details.) Due to agreement with the Red Sox management no Shrine tickets will be sold at Shrine Headquarters after this date. All Shrine tickets must be purchased at Shrine Headquarters.

Previous to the game the officers and uniformed units of Aleppo will parade to center field for flag raising ceremonies to be followed by short exercises and presentations at home plate by Potentate Duncan.

The Shrine will again this year, for the first time since before the war, present cartons of cigarettes to each player making a hit and boxes of cigars to the players making home runs.

The Shrine Band, which will play between innings, will be under the direction of our popular and sterling young bandmaster, Walter M. Smith.

Don't forget to mail for your tickets NOW as outlined on page 3 of this issue of the NEWS; and save disappointment in case of a sellout of Shrine tickets.

In case of postponement of the September 9 game, Shrine Day will be held the following day.

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The Red Sox management have donated souvenir baseballs signed by the American League Championship Red Sox Team, to be given away to lucky Shrine fans between innings.

ADMISSION FOR SHRINERS --- Read Carefully

SPECIAL REDUCED RATE SHRINE TICKET (Shriners only) \$1.00 each (regular \$1.80 seat). Extra reserved seat tickets may be purchased at \$1.80 each.

Nobles must obtain special reduced rate Shrine baseball ticket at Shrine headquarters before the day of the game. No special tickets sold after September 8.

NO REDUCED RATE SHRINE TICKETS SOLD AT FENWAY PARK
In case of postponement of the game on Tuesday, September 9, Shrine baseball day will be held the following day, September 10.

HOW TO OBTAIN TICKETS

MEMBERS' TICKETS Send or bring self-addressed stamped envelope and 1947 Shrine card to Aleppo Temple Baseball Committee, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston 16, Mass., with check for \$1.00. Shrine card and ticket will be returned by mail. Additional tickets may be procured in the same manner for \$1.80 each.

LADIES' TICKETS The Red Sox management have made this Shrine Ladies' Day. Take your lady to the ball game. Ladies accompanying Shriners will be admitted by purchasing \$0.60 Tax Ticket at Shrine Headquarters. Shriners may have as many lady guests as desired.

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NOTES OF ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHEASTERN SHRINE CLUB

THE following notes of activities of Shriners in the southeastern district as submitted by William Stitt, Past President of the Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts, shows the Nobles in that district to be actively interested in the work being carried on by the Shriners' Hospital as well as their own hospital activities and club social functions.

NEW BEDFORD SHRINE CLUB ANNUAL STAG CLAMBAKE

The annual stag clambake and outing of the Shrine Club of Sotheastern Massachusetts held each year in conjunction with the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, New Bedford Forest No. 114, will be held this year, Sunday, September 28. This year's stag clambake, to which any member of the Masonic Fraternity is welcome, will be held in Perry's Grove, Hathaway Road, North Dartmouth (near the New Bedford Country Club).

According to Noble Andy Lonergan, President of the Shrine Club, and Dutch Tunstall, Secretary, this year's bake and outing will top all previous gatherings. Starting with sports and games at 10:00 A.M., to be followed by the opening of the bake at 1:30 P.M., the boys are sure of plenty of fun, action, prizes, surprises, and field sports — in fact they say there is something doing all day.

Reservations must be made in advance and not later than September 25 in order to assure the caterer plenty of time to make the bake properly and have plenty of clams, lobsters, and all the fixings.

Nobles may contact the Club President, Andrew Lonergan, 78 Jonathan Street, New Bedford, Telephone 2-7623; Secretary Alvin Tunstall, 81 Francis Street, Fairhaven, Telephone 2-7471; or any member of the Board of Governors, Nobles William Stitt, William Beserosky, Elton S. Wilde, Charles E. Davis, Jr., and Albion B. Stone.

Make this "Must" on your calendar. Mark the date down now and come to the biggest and best clambake in New England. The caravan is heading for Perry's Grove.

SHRINE CLUB VOTES \$1,000 FOR CRIPPLED CHILD

The Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts has voted \$1,000 to be expended for the hospitalization of a New Bedford girl who suffered third-degree burns.

The hospitalization entails a series of plastic surgery operations which will be performed at Phillips House, Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Kenneth A. Kazanjian, one of the foremost plastic surgeons in New England, will operate.

SHRINE CLUB SPONSORS CRIPPLED CHILD

Home from the Shrine Hospital in Springfield, 10-year-old Phyllis Roderick, of 16 Ashley Street, New Bedford, is rapidly regaining use of her left leg and left hand, crippled for more than nine years by infantile paralysis.

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ALL ABOARD FOR ATLANTIC CITY and the 73rd Annual Convention of the Imperial Council. Illustrious Potentate Justin A. Duncan and his officers leave with their ladies for the convention city and the "Board Walk."

Left to right, front row: Mrs. Frank B. Eills, Mrs. Wallace D. Riddell, Potentate Duncan and Mrs. Justin A. Duncan. Back row: Assistant Rabban Frank B. Eills and Chief Rabban Wallace D. Riddell.

ALEPPO TEMPLE BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1947

Shrine Headquarters, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston
at 11:00 A.M., DST.

A MEETING FOR BUSINESS, ELECTION OF CANDIDATES AND
THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Candidates will report to the Recorder, at Aleppo Temple Headquarters, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, at 10:30 A.M.

Attest:

HARVEY B. LEGGEE
Recorder.

JUSTIN A. DUNCAN
Potentate.

Following this meeting the officers and members will go to Fenway Park to participate in the Annual Shrine Baseball Day celebration. All candidates and their proposers (top line signatures) will be invited to the Park as guests of Potentate Duncan.



By J. ARTHUR MCCOY

THE June Ceremonial brought out a large crowd for such a hot day and an excellent program was provided by Potentate Duncan. The Melha Temple Patrol from Springfield put on an exhibition drill which received great applause, the Service Singers were splendid, and Charlie Pike's entertainers were unusually good.

V. E. George Weeks and Em. Russ Lynn installed the officers of Milford Commandery June 24. This Commandery is famous for its exemplification of the Malta Degree in full form. Twenty years ago, when I was Commander of St. Omer Commandery, Past Commanders Hixon, Woodhead, Ferguson and thirty others visited our asylum and put on the degree for our entertainment.

There is but little news of the personnel during the summer months, so just for the record I will set down a few of the highlights of the Imperial Convention at Atlantic City. We arrived in a downpour Sunday evening, May 25, dressed in uniforms to parade to the hotel. Owing to the foresight of Past Potentate Wilson, buses were waiting and we were transferred to the hotel in quick time. It cleared during the evening and there was plenty of activity before time for retiring. It was said that there were seventy Temples there with one hundred and twenty-five bands.

Notably, we missed many of the western Temples that always make a colorful demonstration. Those of the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association were unable to come east and held their own convention at the Montana capital of Helena instead, and reports say that it was most successful.

There were no rooms to spare at the hotels, though we were all well provided for and the weather was perfect throughout the week.

Fez City, in the railroad yards, comprised 91 Pullmans, housing 850 Nobles of Medinah Temple, Chicago, Zorah Temple of Terre Haute, and Ansar Temple of Springfield, Illinois. Medina Temple units were well organized, with phone service to the train and with post office, dining and laundry service. They also had a dispensary for first-aid and thirty doctors on call throughout the week.

The day parade was on Tuesday and the evening parade on Wednesday. We marched over a four-mile route and it took six hours to pass. Both parades ended in the great covered Auditorium which seats 40,000 people. All along the route the sidewalks were packed, from start to finish — the biggest parade ever seen at Atlantic City, and the policing was perfect.

Aleppo's contingent, with Major Vaughan in command, included the Divan, patrol, band, mounted patrol, a group of Indians and Pilgrims, and a big beanpot mounted on a truck, from which candy beans were distributed along the line of march.

The patrols were resplendent in vari-

colored costumes. Ararat, President Truman's Temple, brought an 80-piece band in two-toned gold and yellow, marchers in powder-blue and white, Zouave Patrol in red, green and gold velvet, twenty savages with war clubs, a mounted patrol, and a string orchestra on a truck.

Mt. Sinai, from Montpelier, the third oldest Temple, had a patrol in black velvet with white burnouses and gold turbans, and a band in purple and white.

Moslem, from Detroit, had a drill team, band, legion of honor, chanters, and an oriental band, the men with oriental turned up shoes.

Kismet, from Brooklyn, where the tree grew, featured a troop of wooden soldiers, and a band and a legion of honor.

Murat, from Indianapolis, had its oriental band, gun club, and Hawaiian band on wheels, which gave out with rich island tunes.

Moolah, from St. Louis, had a patrol in red and white, a band, bugle corps, six jeeps, and chanters who towed along their own piano.

Beni Keedem, of West Virginia, had many novel features, including an oriental band, and an illuminated trailer truck with calliope.

Luxor, from St. John, and Karnak, from Montreal, both had their kiltie bands.

The four Temples from California were all there and made a great showing.

Media, from Watertown, New York, had a mounted guard on light Arabian horses, and riders clad as sheiks, oriental band, and an escort of savages.

Yaarab, of Atlanta, had a green garbed band, a group of red devils, tramps and comics, mounted patrol in green, patrol in red, yellow and white, and an oriental band.

El Zagel, of North Dakota, was there with its Mandan Indians.

Antioch, of Ohio, had a drill team, assembly escort, drum corps, chanters, and a bearded oriental band.

Al Koran, of Cleveland, probably the largest delegation, had a band in black and yellow and gold, a drill team in Zouave blue, and oriental tumdrum corps in green and gold velvet, a band of savages with beards, and a complete 12-piece orchestra (Little Symphony) on an elevated truck body and carrying a public address system. Throughout the week, whenever this appeared on the Boardwalk, it was a signal for the dance to start and to continue as long as the orchestra remained.

And so on — ad finitum.

At least 21 Temples brought groups of chanters, which provided entertainment night and day, in the hotels, and halls, as well as along the Boardwalk.

Tuesday A.M. at about 12:30, as I wended my weary footsteps toward the elevator of the hotel, I found the approach blocked by the Moolah! Chanters from St.

Louis. And such singing! I never before heard such a wonderful group of singers. I was no longer tired, but listened with rapt attention for about half an hour. Not the old glee club songs, but beautiful light opera numbers, and in a manner only possible with fine voices and long training. Their leader, really a conductor, literally played on the chords with his fingers and shaped the words with his hands. Those fellows from Moolah can sing for me any old time.

The patrol of Al Malaikah, Los Angeles, put on a beauty show on the Steel Pier Wednesday afternoon which filled the hall. About thirty-five beauties of Atlantic City exhibited their pulchritude — and interspersed with the young ladies were about twelve male "ringers" similarly dressed (or undressed) who likewise modestly displayed their charms, presenting a hilarious show. The winner of the beauty show won as a prize her choice of a trip to Hollywood or a sum of money. Harold Lloyd, third ranking officer of the Imperial Council, was conspicuous with his famous tortoise shell glasses and his wide grin.

Noble Frank Roundy, of Medinah Temple, now in his 90th year, was in the parade, and hasn't missed a convention in 53 years. He is a Past Imperial Potentate and is said to have organized the first Arab Patrol for Shriners.

Our second platoon members had a dinner party Tuesday night at Captain Starn's place at the Inlet, an exclusive affair, for their prize winning platoon. They made it an occasion for presenting their commander, Lieutenant Beckman, with a purse to be used for the purchase of a watch. The presentation was made by the Imperial Oriental Guide, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., a member of this platoon. Bob Wilson is probably the only member of the Imperial Divan, who still continues to serve as a member of his Temple's patrol. The watch now adorns Dr. Beckman's wrist. It is a beauty and the doctor is very proud of it.

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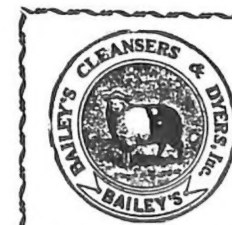
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"OH, WHAT A
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THIS is the little ditty we warbled the day after arriving in Atlantic City. We reached that town on Sunday afternoon, May 25, and old Jupiter Pluvius was doing his stuff in great shape. We detoured in full uniform, prepared to escort the Potentate to headquarters, but Great Scott! How it poured. It rained the proverbial "Cats and dogs." (Why the expression "raining cats and dogs," we have never been able to figure out.) However, Monday was all that we could wish as to weather and we had no more rain for the balance of our stay.

We have heard a lot about the bathing beauties and the Boardwalk, but we did not see any of the aforesaid beauties. Perhaps we did not look in the right places.

We had fine quarters at the Hotel Traymore, and our roommate was Noble George Penshorne who is a new and welcome addition to the flute section, and we found him a congenial companion. He was very helpful, too, and was a connoisseur of cakes. When two guys bunk together for nearly a week and are the best of friends at the finish, that is evidence enough of compatibility. George had a camera and we both posed, with the ocean as a background, and they came out swell. (We mean the pictures not an ocean swell, although it was a swell ocean.)

We were very pleased to meet Noble John Gray's two charming daughters, who were returning to Panama after their vacation, and took a side trip to Atlantic City to see if their dad was all right. John was very proud of his two girls, and with reason, as they are gracious ladies and hold important government positions in the Panama Canal Zone.

Our hearty congratulations to Noble "Bill" Bucknam and his good wife, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Hotel Touraine on Tuesday, June 22. May they live to celebrate many more happy anniversaries.

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We were very sorry not to have had the pleasure of meeting Noble Crosskill, band reporter for Anah Temple of Bangor. We had looked forward to meeting him for several weeks, but alas, we missed him. He called at the hotel several times but on each visit we were out gadding. He says we are as hard to locate as President Truman, which is putting us in the higher strata of society, (but without the power of Veto). However, we hope to meet him some day.

Through Noble Paul Gulesian, Aleppo Band recently was presented with a very fine pair of cymbals by Brother Armand Zildjean. Mr. Zildjean, who is a friend of Paul's, is a world famous cymbal manufacturer. His organization was established in 1623 in Constantinople, (now Istanbul). We understand Mr. Zildjean tested nearly two hundred pairs of cymbals before selecting the pair given to Aleppo. To the layman cymbals are only a crash in conjunction with the brass drum, but "Believe it or not," as Ripley would say, they require expert handling and must have a proper tone, and cost quite a bit of money. This gift is certainly appreciated by the band.

We met our old friend "Lew" Carpenter at Atlantic City, but as we did not catch him in any overt acts we will refrain from making any mention of him. Only we wish we had a picture of him with that dinky little red cap perched on top of his head.

The band visited the Masonic Home as per schedule, on May 18, and played a concert on the lawn, which was greatly appreciated by the residents. Going down from Boston Noble Charles "Fibber" McGee did some back seat driving with the result that we nearly got lost.

Melha Temple, of Springfield, paid a visit to Aleppo at the June ceremonial, and their Patrol put on a fine exhibition drill. Our Potentate plans to return the compliment and take our uniformed units down to visit Melha on Saturday, August 23. We hope the weather will be cooler than on the night they visited Aleppo. Where, oh where was our famous east wind on that occasion? The candidates must have found the sands of the desert hotter than the hinges of Hades.

No more band rehearsals until after Labor Day, but we hope the boys will all have a good vacation and return full of "Wim and Wigor" as Dickens would say.

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An operation performed last May, with financial aid of the Southeastern Massachusetts Shrine Club, has resulted in what the child's mother, Mrs. Mary Roderick, terms "amazing improvement."

Crippled at six months, Phyllis took her first step when she was eighteen months old. From then until her operation she progressed enough to walk with an extreme limp and could use her left hand for only the easiest tasks.

The Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts became interested in her last winter and in April she was sent to the Shrine Hospital. What had seemed hopeless and beyond the means of the girl's mother became a reality under the sponsorship of the Shriners, according to Mrs. Roderick.

Discharged recently from the hospital, Phyllis can walk and use her hand far better than she did and it is believed she will progress until nearly complete use of her limbs is possible.

Mrs. Roderick, deeply grateful and happy to see her daughter so well after all these years, said, "I'm so thankful to all those men who gave her this chance to be as she is now. From now on she won't need to worry about not being able to run and jump and play like other girls."

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of the mother and daughter at this new turn of events. Phyllis left the fourth grade at I. W. Benjamin School, New Bedford, to enter the hospital.

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By NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULAY

THE only tough thing about the summer time is that the members of the Degree Staff have no meetings. Due to our respective families vacationing at different summer resorts, we are unable to get together. We all look forward with great pleasure to the fall and our regular Friday night meetings.

July will always be an outstanding month for one of our members, namely Noble Charles H. Lampard, of Swampscott, who during this month made a hole-in-one at Tedesco Golf Club.

Charlie is quite a fellow down in Swampscott where he is Chief of the Fire Department, having held this job since 1938. He is a member of Wayfarers Lodge, Swampscott Chapter, and Olivet Commandery.

"The Chief," as he is familiarly known, was one of the active members and took a prominent part in the three-day annual convention and business meeting of the New England Fire Chiefs' Association held this summer at the Wentworth Hotel, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. According to a rumor the chief skipped a few hours from the business meeting to play a round of golf at the hotel's beautiful nine-hole course. That is only a rumor, however, and in checking we found that the game was really played during a recess of the association's business meeting.

Charlie has interests other than Masonic. In the month of July of this year, he became President of Swampscott Rotary Club where he will be very happy to greet any members or Nobles at the regular Wednesday noon Rotary meetings in Swampscott.

Charlie has been with us only about a year and likes us well enough, after having seen the boys together at Atlantic City, to make his stay with us permanent, we hope.

I have no report on other members at this time, but I am sure they are resting up for active Second Sections in the fall.

Editor's Note: We are advised by a member of the Degree Staff that our Associate Editor, Noble J. Howard Macaulay, of the Degree Staff, who edits the above Degree Staff notes, recently became President of the Medford Rotary Club for 1947-48. Other jobs Noble Howard holds down in his home town of Medford are Clerk of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, Inc., a job he has held for many years. For the past ten years he has served as Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Medford.

He is a Past Commander and the present Recorder of Beauseant Commandery and has served on Aleppo's Degree Staff for 16 years.

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